GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
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OIL REFINERY AT PARADIP
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any oil refinery has been set up either in public/private sectors in the country to augment domestic supplies or to earn export earnings through retention of value additions during the last three years;

(b) if so, the details thereof ;

(c) whether the Indian Oil Corporation Limited has taken any new initiatives to Commission 15-Million Metric Tonnes per annum Oil Refinery at Paradip in Orissa; and

(d) if so, the time by which the said refinery will be fully functional?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA PATEL)

(a) & (b): A new refinery in private sector by Essar Oil Limited has been commissioned at Vadinar in Jamnagar in November, 2006 with an installed capacity of 10.5 million metric tonnes per annum (MMTPA).

The refining capacity is more than the current consumption requirements. Higher refining capacity over and above domestic requirements boosts export earnings from export of petroleum products through value addition.

(c) & (d) : Indian Oil Corporation Limited is setting up a new Refinery-cum-Petrochemicals Complex at Paradip in Orissa with an installed capacity of 15 MMTPA. The project is expected to be completed by October, 2011.